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News

John Dickinson Plantation named a member of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience

A Site of Conscience is a place of memory that confronts both the history of what happened there and its contemporary legacies.

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Visitors taking a tour at the John Dickinson Plantation.

Division celebrates National Women's History Month 2021

Two free, virtual programs streamed live on the Web.

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Division mourns passing of historical interpreter David Price

Historical interpreter served at the New Castle Court House Museum for 10 years.

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Division seeks lead museum/historic-site interpreter for New Castle Court House Museum

Application deadline: March 10, 2021

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History organizations urged to complete national visitation survey

American Association for State and Local History seeks data for 2020 report. Deadline: March 31, 2021

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Division museums open with tours by appointment

Tours allow visitors to experience the history of the First State while continuing to take all recommended steps to safeguard public health.

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Help Save Delaware History

Division seeks applicants for archaeologist position

Application deadline: Feb. 28, 2021

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“Backing Historic Small Restaurants” grants available

\$1 million in grants will be awarded to 25 historic and culturally significant restaurants throughout the United States.

Application deadline: March 9, 2021

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Historians voice concerns about warehouses planned for near Cooch’s Bridge site

Newark Post, Del. — Feb. 17, 2021

Native American and Revolutionary War archaeological sites threatened.

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A piece of Browntown history in danger of being torn down

WDEL Radio, Wilmington, Del. — Feb. 16, 2021

National-Register-listed Dr. John Brown Mansion threatened.

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“Partners in Preservation: Planning for the Future — Delaware’s Historic Preservation Plan, 2018–2022”

Document outlines six broad goals for preserving Delaware’s heritage for the future.

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Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

[The 2021 Ultimate Guide to Museums Throughout Delaware](#)

Delaware Today, Wilmington — Feb. 22, 2021

Feature includes all five of the division’s museums.

[Where to Dine, Shop and Adventure in Milford This Winter](#)

Delaware Today, Wilmington — Feb. 19, 2021

Article includes segment on the Milford Museum.

[COVID-19 pandemic shuts down Dover Days again in 2021](#)

Delaware Public Media, Dover — Feb. 18, 2021

Celebration of Delaware history first held in 1933.

[New book takes readers on a fascinating journey through America’s formative years](#)

Chester County Press, West Grove, Pa. — Feb. 15, 2021

Article notes Founding Fathers from Delaware — Gunning Bedford Jr., John Dickinson, Thomas McKean and Caesar Rodney.

[New Exhibit at Milford Museum Reflects Technological Changes](#)

Delaware State News, Dover — Feb. 13, 2021

“Then and Now” exhibit features objects owned by Milford residents through the city’s history to show how consumer goods, most of which are from the 20th century, have changed over time.

[Work begins to reshape historic John Dickinson Plantation](#)

Delaware Public Media, Dover — Feb. 12, 2021

Master plan to include trails, area of reflection and new visitor center.

Events

Saturday, Feb. 27

[Remembering Washington](#) – Virtual program from The Old State House

Saturday, March 20

[The First Women of the First State](#) – Virtual program from The Old State House

Thursday, March 25

[Lasting Legacy Honoring the Nanticoke Indian Tribe](#) – Virtual program from the Zwaanendael Museum

Tuesday, April 6

[Trivia Nights](#) — Virtual program from the John Dickinson Plantation

For a long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, [go here](#).

Exhibits and Displays

The five museums of the State of Delaware are currently presenting the following exhibits and displays. In keeping with Gov. Carney's [guidance](#) for reopening the state in wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the museums are open for self-guided tours [via reservation only](#).

Ongoing

[Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Drawing America to Victory: The Persuasive Power of the Arts in World War I](#) – Online

[Five Stories](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania](#) – Online

[New Castle: Three Forts, One Community](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016](#) – The Old State House

[The Path to Freedom: A History of the Underground Railroad in Delaware](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

For additional opportunities to explore Delaware history online, go to the [Delaware Digital History Museum](#).



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